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U. S. Patent Application Serial Number: 10/798,486)	)	Examiner: Unknown.
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT**

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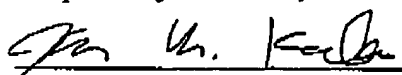
The enclosed Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application incorrectly identifies the domestic priority data of the application. The correct priority data should read:

**This application is a CON of 09/806,680, 4/3/2001 ABN which is a 371 of PCT/US99/23685 10/12/1999. This application also claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/103,860, filed October 12, 1998.**

A marked up copy of the Filing Receipt as well as a copy of the preliminary amendment filed on May 18, 2004 with the correct cross-reference is enclosed. A corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 19, 2004

  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTION**

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace existing paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph [0001] on Page 1 after the Title of **NOVEL ULTRASOUND CONTRAST AGENTS:**

**APPLICATION CROSS-REFERENCE:**

0001] This application is a continuation application of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/806,680 filed on April 3, 2001, which is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application No. PCT/US99/23685 filed October 12, 1999 and published in English. This application also claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/103,860, filed October 12, 1998.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended the specification under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.78 to claim priority of prior patent applications. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully believed that all the presently submitted claims are allowable and a Formal Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner feels otherwise, a telephone interview is respectfully requested. An early notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 18, 2004

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